

HOUSE BILL 1921  
By Pruitt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;  
Title 37 and Title 41.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-153, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

( ) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, any person, who is tried and adjudicated delinquent by a juvenile court, may subsequently petition the juvenile court for expunction of all court files and records as well as all law enforcement records, files, fingerprints and photographs pertaining to such delinquency adjudication. The court may order all or any portion of the requested expunction if, by clear and convincing evidence, the court finds that the petitioner:

- (1) Is currently twenty-one (21) years of age, or older;
- (2) Is seven (7) or more years removed from his or her most recent delinquency adjudication;
- (3) Has never been criminally convicted of any offense, either as a juvenile, pursuant to § 37-1-134, or as an adult; and
- (4) Has maintained a consistent and exemplary pattern of responsible, productive and civic-minded conduct for seven (7) or more years immediately preceding the filing of the expunction petition.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.